

Grand Commandery of New York

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Sir Knights,

Blessings and best wishes to you all.

April 20th is Easter Sunday and as followers of Jesus Christ, Easter is about the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. We hold to the Creed of Nicaea which says Jesus “was made flesh of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became man, and was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered and was buried , and rose again on the third day according to the Scriptures, and ascended into the heavens, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father, and cometh again with glory to judge living and dead, of whose kingdom there shall be no end" This Easter may the light of Christ's love illuminate your path, strengthen your spirit and fill your heart with peace. He is risen indeed.

The Grand Commandery of New York was well represented at the Grand Chapter Annual Convocation. I was very proud of the Sir Knights as we marched into the meeting room with military-like precision. I thank the Grand Chapter for the kind courtesies extended to all Sir Knights. You are directed to the Grand Commandery Facebook page for photographs of our participation. I extend my thanks and appreciation to Sir Knight Gil Calderon for taking these pictures.

St George’s Commandery conducted their annual Pilgrimage on March 22, 2025. All Orders were conferred on 31 candidates by the Sir Knights of St. George’s Commandery, assisted by Sir Knights from several other surrounding Commanderies. I congratulate the Sir Knights on the masterful performance and we all welcome our new Sir Knights into our Order—whose “Grand Characteristics are Unsullied Honor, Unwearing Zeal in a Brothers’s cause, and Universal Benevolence.”

Finally, we are entering upon the Inspection season of our Templar year and I wish the Inspecting Officers and the Sir Knights of New York much success. I remind the Inspecting Officers to be gentle with their criticism and generous with their praise. I also remind the Sir Knights to try their best and learn

from this important experience. Perfection is not required or expected from anyone involved. All we ask is for your best effort, for everyone to have fun and for you to “let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in Heaven.”

And now, may “the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace and believing that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Spirit.” - Romans 15: 13

Courteously and in His service,
S.K. John W. Scott, R.E.G.C., K.C.T.

Grand Prelate's Corner

I left you all with the question “How do we know this God” from my last message. I can answer that question with this – Jesus Christ. From our basic belief in God, it will naturally lead us to the basic belief that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and reveal that God to us through Him. As we read the teachings from the Sacred Volume, of which I am not able to reveal all what the Old and New Testaments state concerning Jesus Christ in this message, suffice me to say this about Scripture—the Life of that Messiah or Savior as summarized by the prophets, wise ones and apostles of old foretold the Coming of One who would redeem the world and restore to perfection our relationship with God the Almighty.

The Christmas story reveals to us how God reveals the eternal plan to save God’s creation, God will come to this earth in the flesh to redeem it, himself. And we see God’s plan unfold in the teachings, miracles and life of Jesus of Nazareth. God’s final way of saving the creation and us is what we celebrate this month in the Easter Story. Through this one man, Jesus, via his birth, life, death, resurrection and ascension we see God and know God who is willing to go great lengths for redeeming creation and us all. Through the action of Jesus Christ himself we are once again made perfect with God forever. We know God because God reveals himself through this action of grace—free gift for you and me so you and I and all people can once again live with our God in paradise.

What does this say to us? That God is known now, not by words spoken from heaven or by doctrines and commandments handed down, but by God’s mighty works, by what God does in nature, in history and in the heart of man through the man Jesus Christ. The supreme revelation of God is in Christ. In his life, in his spirit of love and truth, in his death and resurrection, we see and know God. God was in Christ. Christ is God in action. In Christ’s spirit we see the very Spirit of God; in him we know what God is like.

Now you know partially why belief in Jesus Christ a basic tenet of our faith. A Blessed Easter Day to you all.

